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## USDA to collect final 2021 crop production and crop stocks data

Raleigh, NC, November 15, 2021 – As the 2021 growing season officially comes to an end, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will contact producers nationwide to gather final year-end crop production numbers and the amount of grain and oilseeds they store on their farms. At the same time, NASS will survey grain facility operators to determine year-end grain and oilseed stocks. To protect the health of producers, partners, and employees, NASS is unable to work with survey respondents in person to complete this survey.

"These surveys are the basis for the official USDA estimates of production and harvested acres of all major agricultural commodities in the United States and year-end grain and oilseed supplies," said NASS NC State Statistician Dee Webb. "Data from the survey will benefit farmers and processors by providing timely and accurate information to help them make critical year-end business decisions and begin planning for the next growing and marketing season."

NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the Crop Production Annual Summary and quarterly Grain Stocks reports, both scheduled for release on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2022.

"Responses to the producer survey will also be included in the County Agricultural Production Survey and used in calculating county yields," said Webb. "Farmers who receive this survey are not included in the County Agricultural Production Survey; therefore, this is their only opportunity to be included in the calculation of NC county yields."

As with all NASS surveys, information provided by respondents is kept confidential, as required by federal law. Used for statistical purposes only, the information is not published in identifiable form. All NASS reports are available online at <a href="nass.usda.gov/Publications/">nass.usda.gov/Publications/</a>. For more information, call the NASS NC Field Office at 919-707-3333.

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